IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-20.

1. (Once Amended) A computer implemented manuscript review and determination process, comprising [the steps of]:

receiving manuscript data defining a manuscript [comprising] including at least one of text data, audio data, and video data;

assigning a unique identification to said manuscript data;

prompting a potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript; [and]

storing agreement data received from said potential reviewer, said agreement data including at least one of agreement to review and disagreement to review said manuscript; and

storing a decision whether to publish.

2. (Once Amended) The [A] computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising [the steps of, depending upon stored agreement data from at least one potential reviewer,] transmitting a signal prompting an additional potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript based on stored agreement data from at least one potential reviewer.

3. (Once Amended) The [A] computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising [the steps of,] responding to receipt of agreement data indicating disagreement to review by transmitting a signal prompting an additional potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript.

4. (Once Amended) The [A] computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising [the steps of] storing data indicating an identification of an associate editor for said manuscript in association with said manuscript data.

5. (Once Amended) The [A] computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising [the steps of storing data indicating an identification of an associate editor for said manuscript in association with said manuscript data; and] storing at least one date on which said associate editor performs at least one of [takes at least one of the following actions:] assigning a potential reviewer[;] and entering manuscript approval status data.

6. (Once Amended) The [A] computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising [the steps of] storing [dates] a date on which at least one of receiving said manuscript, prompting a potential reviewer, and receiving agreement data [occur] occurs.

7. (Once Amended) The [A] computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising [the steps of] transmitting a manuscript review [instructions] instruction to [reviewers] reviewer.

8. (Once Amended) The [A] computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising [the steps of] authorizing transmission of said manuscript to at least one of associate editors of said manuscript, potential reviewers of said manuscript, and reviewers of said manuscript.

9. (Once Amended) The [A] computer implemented method according to claim 8, wherein said [authorization comprising] authorizing transmission comprises storing, in association with said unique identification [assignment to said manuscript], at least one of an identification of an associate editor, a potential reviewer, and a reviewer.

10. (Once Amended) The [A] computer implemented method according to claim 8, wherein said [authorization] authorizing transmission comprises storing, in association with said unique identification [assigned to said manuscript], an identification of an associate editor and a

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reviewer.

11. (Once Amended) A computer implemented manuscript review and determination system, comprising:

means for receiving manuscript data defining a manuscript [comprising] including at least one of text data, audio data, and video data;

means for assigning a unique identification to said manuscript data;

means for prompting a potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript; [and]

means for storing agreement data received from said potential reviewer, said agreement data including at least one of agreement to review and disagreement to review said manuscript; and

means for storing a decision whether to publish.

12. (Once Amended) The [A] computer implemented system[,] according to claim 11, further comprising means for [, depending upon stored agreement data from at least one potential reviewer,] transmitting a signal prompting an additional potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript.

13. (Once Amended) The [A] computer implemented system according to claim 11, further comprising[:] means for responding to receipt of agreement data indicating disagreement to review by transmitting a signal prompting an additional potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript.

14. (Once Amended) The [A] computer implemented system according to claim 11, further comprising[:] means for storing data indicating an identification of an associate editor for said manuscript in association with said manuscript data.

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15. (Once Amended) The [A] computer implemented system according to claim 11, further comprising[: means for storing data indicating an identification of an associate editor for said manuscript in association with said manuscript data; and] means for storing at least one date on which said associate editor preforms at least one of [takes at east one of the following actions:] assigning a potential reviewer[;] and entering manuscript approval status data.

16. (Once Amended) The [A] computer implemented system according to claim 11, further comprising[:] means for storing [dates] a date on which at least one of receiving said manuscript, prompting a potential reviewer, and receiving agreement data [occur] occurs.

17. (Once Amended) The [A] computer implemented system according to claim 11, further comprising[:] means for transmitting a manuscript review [instructions] instruction to [reviewers] a reviewer.

18. (Once Amended) The [A] computer implemented system according to claim 11, further comprising[:] means for authorizing transmission of said manuscript to at least one of associate editors of said manuscript, potential reviewers of said manuscript, and reviewers of said manuscript.

19. (Once Amended) The [A] computer implemented system according to claim 18, wherein [said authorization] means for authorizing comprises means for storing, in association with said unique identification [assignment to said manuscript], at least one of an identification of an associate editor, a potential reviewer, and a reviewer.

20. (Once Amended) A computer program product embodied on a computer readable medium for implementing a manuscript review and determination process on a computer, said program comprising [the steps of]:

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receiving manuscript data defining a manuscript [comprising] including at least one of text data, audio data, and video data;

assigning a unique identification to said manuscript data;

prompting a potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript; [and]

storing agreement data received from said potential reviewer, said agreement data including at least one of agreement to review and disagreement to review said manuscript; and

storing a decision whether to publish.

Amended claims in clean form.

1. (Once Amended) A computer implemented manuscript review and determination process, comprising:

receiving manuscript data defining a manuscript including at least one of text data, audio data, and video data;

assigning a unique identification to said manuscript data;

prompting a potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript;

storing agreement data received from said potential reviewer, said agreement data including at least one of agreement to review and disagreement to review said manuscript; and

storing a decision whether to publish.

2. (Once Amended) The computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising transmitting a signal prompting an additional potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript based on stored agreement data from at least one potential reviewer.

3. (Once Amended) The computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising responding to receipt of agreement data indicating disagreement to review by transmitting a signal prompting an additional potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript.

4. (Once Amended) The computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising storing data indicating an identification of an associate editor for said manuscript in association with said manuscript data.

5. (Once Amended) The computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising storing at least one date on which said associate editor performs at least one of

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assigning a potential reviewer and entering manuscript approval status data.

6. (Once Amended) The computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising storing a date on which at least one of receiving said manuscript, prompting a potential reviewer, and receiving agreement data occurs.

7. (Once Amended) The computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising transmitting a manuscript review instruction to reviewer.

8. (Once Amended) The computer implemented method according to claim 1, further comprising authorizing transmission of said manuscript to at least one of associate editors of said manuscript, potential reviewers of said manuscript, and reviewers of said manuscript.

9. (Once Amended) The computer implemented method according to claim 8, wherein said authorizing transmission comprises storing, in association with said unique identification, at least one of an identification of an associate editor, a potential reviewer, and a reviewer.

10. (Once Amended) The computer implemented method according to claim 8, wherein said authorizing transmission comprises storing, in association with said unique identification, an identification of an associate editor and a reviewer.

11. (Once Amended) A computer implemented manuscript review and determination system, comprising:

means for receiving manuscript data defining a manuscript including at least one of text data, audio data, and video data;

means for assigning a unique identification to said manuscript data;

means for prompting a potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript;

means for storing agreement data received from said potential reviewer, said agreement

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data including at least one of agreement to review and disagreement to review said manuscript; and

means for storing a decision whether to publish.

12. (Once Amended) The computer implemented system according to claim 11, further comprising means for transmitting a signal prompting an additional potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript.

13. (Once Amended) The computer implemented system according to claim 11, further comprising means for responding to receipt of agreement data indicating disagreement to review by transmitting a signal prompting an additional potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript.

14. (Once Amended) The computer implemented system according to claim 11, further comprising means for storing data indicating an identification of an associate editor for said manuscript in association with said manuscript data.

15. (Once Amended) The computer implemented system according to claim 11, further comprising means for storing at least one date on which said associate editor preforms at least one of assigning a potential reviewer and entering manuscript approval status data.

16. (Once Amended) The computer implemented system according to claim 11, further comprising means for storing a date on which at least one of receiving said manuscript, prompting a potential reviewer, and receiving agreement data occurs.

17. (Once Amended) The computer implemented system according to claim 11, further comprising means for transmitting a manuscript review instruction to a reviewer.

18. (Once Amended) The computer implemented system according to claim 11, further

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comprising means for authorizing transmission of said manuscript to at least one of associate editors of said manuscript, potential reviewers of said manuscript, and reviewers of said manuscript.

19. (Once Amended) The computer implemented system according to claim 18, wherein means for authorizing comprises means for storing, in association with said unique identification , at least one of an identification of an associate editor, a potential reviewer, and a reviewer.

20. (Once Amended) A computer program product embodied on a computer readable medium for implementing a manuscript review and determination process on a computer, said program comprising:

receiving manuscript data defining a manuscript including at least one of text data, audio data, and video data;

assigning a unique identification to said manuscript data;

prompting a potential reviewer for agreement to review said manuscript;

storing agreement data received from said potential reviewer, said agreement data including at least one of agreement to review and disagreement to review said manuscript; and

storing a decision whether to publish.

Please add new claims 21-24.

21. (New) The computer implemented process according to claim 1, wherein the decision for publishing is a final decision and the manuscript can be published either in print, or in electronic form.

22. (New) The computer implemented process according to claim 1, further comprising:

correlating the decision for publishing about said manuscript from different potential reviewers and achieving a final decision; and

storing the final decision for publishing in a database.

23. (New) The computer implemented process according to claim 1, further comprising:

tracking said manuscript and storing said tracking information in a database; and

sending a message upon completing a status check that includes whether a set of anticipated events, such as receipt of a number of reviewers reviews and editors actions, occurred in a predetermined period of time.

24. (New) The computer implemented process according to claim 22, wherein said final decision for publishing is made by a majority tallying of the individual reviews, if all reviewers indicate said manuscript should be published, said manuscript is automatically sent to a printing queue or printing facility.

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